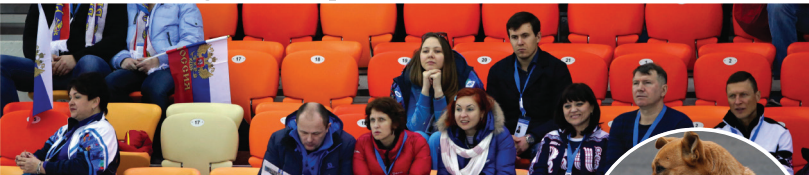


Early hiccups at Sochi's Games



■ **Empty seats:** Despite ticket sales of 92%, up to 4,000 spectators fail to take their seats on first two days of events because they are held up by stringent security checks

■ **Unfinished construction:**

Of 24,000 hotel rooms, some 700 rooms are unfinished in some respect. Problems include lack of running water, undrinkable water, missing light bulbs and door knobs



■ **Stray dogs:**

Thousands wander around Olympic Village, but are friendly and welcoming to international visitors



■ **Olympic Village:** Twin toilets, no shower curtains or TV. Three beds to a room, each separated by 30cm space, and lack of pillows – Sochi residents have been asked to help out



Убедительная просьба не бросать бумагу в унитаз!

Please do not flush toilet paper down the toilet!

Put it in the bin provided

■ **Strange signs:**

What to do and not to do in the loo. Rules include ban on fishing in toilet bowl!



■ **Shower spy cams:** Russian deputy prime minister **Dmitry Kozak** denies reports of widespread plumbing problems saying ***“We have surveillance video from the hotels that shows people turn on the shower”***